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May 12, 1986

Mr. Larry Schmidt
State of New Jersey
Dept. of Environmental Protection
Planning Group, CN 402
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

By request of Mr. George Harvell, I am sending a letter to summarize the mailings of the Berrys Creek, New Jersey Task I Final Report.

During October, 1985 the Final Report was submitted to the TAG members for final comment. A small amount of editorial comments were received and incorporated into Volume I only. Volume II and the Appendices to Volume I were okay. The "Official Final Report" was then distributed to TAG members with each copy numbered in accordance to the sequence it was mailed during November, 1985.

The mailing of "Official Final Report" on November 8 to George Harvell, Art Slesinger and Joe Maher as well as to other TAG members on November 25, 1985 included a corrected copy of Volume I only whereas Volume II and the Appendix to Volume I were not changed from the October submittals. In addition to the mailing of the initial 15 Official Final Reports, 28 copies of the entire three-document set were distributed to TAG members. A list of the recipients, report number, and mailing dates are as follows:

✓ George Harvell	#1	November 8, 1985
✓ Art Slesinger	#2	November 8, 1985
✓ Joe Maher	#3-#7	November 8, 1985
✓ Robin Burr	#8	November 25, 1985
✓ John Ciancia	#9	November 25, 1985
✓ Bob Will	#10	November 25, 1985
✓ Ms. Oxsana Yaremko	#11	November 25, 1985
✓ Bob Lee	#12	November 25, 1985
✓ Paul Galluzzi	#13	November 25, 1985
✓ Ms. Kathy Stryker	#14	November 25, 1985
✓ George Harvell	#15	November 25, 1985
✓ Art Slesinger	#16	December 20, 1985
✓ Art Slesinger	#17 & #18	February 25, 1986
James Orr	#19	October 4, 1985
Fred Ziegler	#20	February 8, 1986
ERM	#21	February 8, 1986
Larry Schmidt	#22-#41	April 11, 1986
George Harvell	#42 & #43	April 8, 1986

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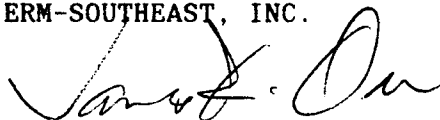
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If you have any questions concerning these documents or mailings, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

ERM-SOUTHEAST, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Orr".

James R. Orr
Aquatic Ecologist

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cc: Joe Maher
George Harvell
Art Slesinger

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Colonel Marion L. Caldwell, Jr.
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New York, New York 10278-0090

Dear Colonel Caldwell:

I am writing to you regarding the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. 12672-86-773-J1 for authorization to C&F Realty to maintain as completed 13.11 acres of fill and discharge additional fill in 1.2 acres of wetlands in the Hackensack Meadowlands along Berry's and Never Touch Creeks in the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey.

After receiving the Public Notice in August, we noted that the project site was adjacent to the Velsicol property. As you are aware, this property along with other areas along Berry's Creek are highly contaminated with mercury. In addition, Paulus, Sokolowski, and Sartor Inc., Consulting Engineers (PS&S) reference arsenic contamination from an undisclosed source immediately south of the subject project site. Shortly after the Public Notice was published an interagency meeting was held in conjunction with the applicant to discuss the project. EPA requested information from the applicant on the results of both leachate and bulk sediment testing already performed from sediments on site. EPA requested a meeting, held on November 18, 1986, to further review the data submitted by the applicant. After review we remain concerned over potential project impacts related to mercury and arsenic occurrence.

Regarding review of metal levels, we are in receipt of 1) Results of Testing for Possible Mercury Contamination at C&F Realty, Carlstadt, N.J., PS&S, September 11, 1986 2) Report for Soils Contamination Investigation, PS&S, March 7, 1984 3) Contamination of Clause Tract, Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission, October 17, 1983 and 4) Soils Contamination Evaluation, Wehran Engineering, August 23, 1983. We recommend that further sediment samples be taken which more completely represent those sediments planned to be excavated and disturbed in the proposed project. The interpretation of results from individual sample points from the periphery of the project site (Wehran) and composite samples from portions of the interior of the site (PS&S) is confusing. Currently, information submitted by the applicant does not clearly present a representative picture of possible mercury and arsenic occurrence on the sediments proposed to be impacted. We are concerned over potential metal contamination in the proposed project site in light of its